

RECORD FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

CX-NM-060-01-0116

SERIAL NO.: NM 10527

BLM Office: Roswell Field Office

Proposed Action Title/Type: Buried Pipeline Right-of-Way

Location of Proposed Action: T. 7 S., R. 26 E., NMPM
Section 31: Lot 3.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Agave Energy Company (Agave) proposes to authorize, operate and maintain a 4 inch X-42 Steel buried natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would connect the Crawford Fed. No. 4 to an existing line. The pipeline would be located parallel to the road accessing the Wells. The total length for the pipeline is 4,414.1 feet, with 585.3 feet located on Federal Land. A width of 50 feet is requested.

The right-of-way will be bladed, a trench approximately 40 inches deep will be dug where possible the pipeline will be lowered and covered with 36 inches of cover. The pipeline will be located wholly within the boundaries of an existing road right-of-way.

PART I: PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW.

The purposed action is in conformance with the approved Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), and is consistent with Bureau policy and guidance.

PART II: NEPA REVIEW

This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4, E (12). The proposed action has been reviewed and determined that none of the exceptions described in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2, apply.

Prepared by:


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6-8-01
Date

I Concur:

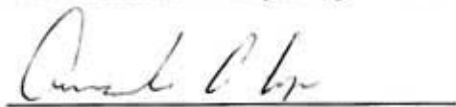

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III. DECISION.

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with existing Bureau policy and guidance and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to allow the right-of-way as described, for 30 years, with an option to renew, under the authority of the 1920 Mineral Leasing Act as amended and conditions in 43 CFR 2880; and the attached standard and the Standard Stipulations for Oil and Gas Related Site, Access Road and Buried Pipelines in the Roswell Field Office, BLM.

Compliance and Monitoring: The construction phase of this proposed action and subsequent operational phases will be monitored as per regulation.


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Date